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Docket No.: KCC-14,105.3

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This response is timely filed as it is filed within the three (3) month shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action. Further, as this response is hereby filed within two (2) months of the mailing date of the outstanding Office Action, it is understood that the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed should such advisory action not be mailed until after the end of the three-month shortened statutory period.

Claims 1-29, 31-49, 51-58, 60 and 61 remain in the application.

Interview Summary

As a preliminary matter, the undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Anderson for the many courtesies extended during the above-identified telephonic interviews. Matters discussed in those interviews included the apparent incomplete nature of the outstanding Office Action. More particularly, while the Office Action Summary sheet included in the outstanding Office Action identifies that all pending claims (i.e., claims 1-29, 31-49, 51-58, 60 and 61) are rejected, the DETAILED ACTION portion of the Action fails to state or identify any grounds of rejection relative to claims 40-49, 51-58, 60 and 61.

In the above-identified telephonic interviews, agreement was reached that Examiner Anderson would issue a new action in which the Examiner would indicate that claims 40-49, 51-58, 60 and 61 were allowable over the art of record and withdrawing the Action dated as mailed on 24 August 2006.

As of 24 October 2006, such "new action" has not been received by the undersigned. Further, at the time of the preparation of this document on 24 October 2006, the undersigned's telephone call to Examiner Anderson (left on 20 October 2006) had not been returned.

This **RESPONSE AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY** is hereby submitted in view thereof.

In the present case, Examiner has agreed that the outstanding Office Action is improperly incomplete. An applicant is entitled to consideration of all pending claims. Moreover, the incomplete nature of the outstanding Action prevents or otherwise improperly hinders Applicants' proper response to any outstanding claim rejections.

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Conclusion

In view of the above, the withdrawal of the outstanding Action is hereby expressly requested. Applicants reserve the right to supplement this Response or present additional arguments should the Examiner maintain a rejection of any of the pending
5 claims in any subsequently sent Office Action. Should the Examiner detect any remaining issue or have any question, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned, preferably by telephone, in an effort to expedite examination and consideration of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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